



Registering a copyright is easy. Here's how it's done:

- **Create !**
Compose a song. Write a play. Paint a picture. Pen a poem. Express your creativity.
- **Register your copyright**
complete an application
include the correct fee (see www.copyright.gov)
include nonreturnable copies (usually, one for unpublished and two for published)
- **Send the package to:**
Library of Congress
Copyright Office
101 Independence Avenue, SE.
Washington, D.C. 20559 6000
- The Copyright Office receives your package, and your registration becomes effective on that day. We receive about 2,400 submissions each business day.
- Our financial department processes your payment.
- We examine your application and deposit and make sure they're acceptable and meet the requirements of Copyright law and regulations.
- Your registration is assigned a number and a certificate of registration is issued. You'll receive that certificate in the mail about 4 months after you submit your package.
- Catalogers create an online, searchable public record of your registration.

